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1. The airfield about six kilometers northwest of Ufuma¹, which is about 18 kilometers southeast of Tsitsihar, is being enlarged by the Chinese Communists under Soviet supervision.
2. The field, known as the Ufuma Airfield, was built by the Japanese during their occupation of Manchuria, was partly destroyed by the Soviet Army when it invaded Manchuria at the end of World War II, and was then rebuilt by Soviet troops after the war.
3. During late 1947 and early 1948 the Soviets constructed a gasoline dump about five kilometers southwest of the airfield. The dump consisted of six underground tanks, each six meters in diameter and twelve meters deep.
4. The gasoline dump for Ufuma Airfield is essentially the same as it was when completed in early 1948. Gasoline at the dump is obtained from the USSR. Two types are received; one is reddish-black and the other is rose-colored.
5. There is a single-tracked railroad connecting Ufuma Airfield with the gasoline dump.
6. There are electrically charged wire fences around the airfield and the gasoline dump, and both are guarded by Chinese Communist soldiers.
7. The Ufuma airfield is now being used by military as well as SKOGA aircraft.

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Comment. It is difficult to determine to which of the three airfields in the Tsitsihar area informant is referring. The field closest to Wufuma (N 47-14, E 123-53) is Yamentun (Sanchiatzu) (N 47-16, E 123-54). This field, which is 1 mile east of Wufuma rather than 6 kilometers northwest of it, is Tsitsihar's principal military airfield and has been used by the Chinese Communist Air Force for jet transition training. Yushut'un (N 47-12, E 123-55) Airfield, believed to be non-operational, is about 4 kilometers southeast of Wufuma. Lungchiang South (N 47-18, E 123-56) is about 5 kilometers northeast of Wufuma; it is believed to be the field probably used by SKOGA on its Harbin-Chita flights and may also be used by military aircraft based at Yamentun. Wufuma itself is southwest of Tsitsihar, rather than southeast as informant states; and this discrepancy may offer some clue to the location and identity of "Ufuma" Airfield. If informant regarded the Nen River as a north-south orientation line, then Wufuma would be, to him, southeast of Tsitsihar. Assuming that he was consistent in his misorientation, "Ufuma" Airfield would then seem to him to be about 6 kilometers northwest of Wufuma but would actually be that distance northeast of the town, or approximately at the location of Lungchiang South.

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